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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 30 November 1953, the Nachrichten Schule in Koenigsbrueck was occupied by about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 175 troops with tank insignia. Source determined 30 T-34 and T-34/85 tanks and several 37-mm AA guns in the barracks area. Between 17 and 30 November, an undetermined number of troops drilled and practiced aiming in the barracks area, while about 60 troops were repeatedly seen at firing practice in the Ave. 25X1
- On 27 and 28 November, about 240 to 300 troops carrying full field pack were seen leaving the installation. 25X1

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2. Between 17 and 30 November, source determined that officers' wives were to be transferred to East Germany and that quarters for 51 wives were being prepared.
3. On 27 November, the Nachrichten Schule was occupied to capacity by about 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia; and, some, black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 26 November, about 80 troops entered the installation, some coming from the direction of Altes Lager. About 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were lined up for a roll call in the barracks area. 25X1

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4. On 27 November, 4 JS tanks were seen under the lean-to roof in the training area on the Pulsnitz River.

5. On 27 November, the occupation of Altes Lager had increased. All cantonment buildings were fully lighted after nightfall. Source determined that about 1,000 fuel drums were stored in the yard. Two trucks were nearby. 25X1

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6. On 27 November, source had the impression that only the south section of Neues Lager was occupied. Noises of engines were heard from this area. Troops carrying carpenter equipment were seen entering the installation.

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7. On 30 November, Neues Lager was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and commanded by a colonel, whose staff included Lieutenant Colonel Vorovski (phonetical spelling) (Fnu) as supply officer; and about 3,500 to 4,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, who, during the summer months, had been stationed in the Schmorkau cantonment. Several shipments of trained personnel left the camp after 17 November. About 30 x 85-mm AA guns and about 12 x 37-mm^{AA} guns were in 6 sheds and searchlights were seen in another shed.

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8. On 12 December, Neues Lager was occupied by about 1,800 troops. On 18 November, about 100 troops received basic training in the camp area and, on 19 November, about 18 tanks engaged in a simulated attack in the terrain. Between 23 and 28 November, polishing of quarters and weapons inspections were observed in the entire quartering area. Source determined that a general from the USSR was expected to inspect the installation on 28 November. On 7 December, about 30 troops received basic training and 30 troops received training in firing.

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9. On 12 December, the Nachrichten Schule was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including about 180 recruits. On 19 and 20 November and 8 December, troops observed in the barracks area engaged in aiming practice. On 23 and 25 November, an undetermined number of troops practiced firing with rifles and antitank guns in the Aue. On 27 November, T-34 tanks left the installation toward Graefenhain. On 12 December, about 100 troops received field training in the woods near Hoeckendorf. 1 Between 16 November and 12 December, source determined that 25 apartments in Koenigsbrueck were being vacated for Russian families.

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10. Troop trains passing through the Koenigsbrueck railroad station included:

17 November. A train of 54 boxcars occupied by troops, coming from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and proceeding toward Schmorkau.

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18 November. A train of 54 boxcars and 1 gondola car, occupied by troops, coming from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and proceeding toward Schmorkau. Elements of the troops were detained in Koenigsstrueck and left toward Klotzsche.

21 November. A train of 53 boxcars and 1 gondola car, coming from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and proceeding toward Klotzsche.

24 November. A train of 54 boxcars and 1 gondola car occupied by troops, coming from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and proceeding toward Klotzsche. []

25 November. A train of 15 boxcars occupied by troops, coming from the direction of Klotzsche and proceeding toward Frankfurt/Oder. 4

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1. [] Comment. For information on the occupation of Nachrichten Schule (1521), see []. A tank unit of the 11th Gds Tank Div, presumably the 44th Gds Tank Regt, is again confirmed there []. The strength estimate in paragraph 2, for the first time since October 1953, corresponds with observations in the preceding year.

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2. [] Comment. Altes Lager is permanently occupied by a fuel depot of the First Gds Weez Army or the 11th Gds Tank Div.

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